Forever In Our Hearts

Juanita Marie Gragg

Born into Time
January 9, 1947

Born into Eternity
September 6, 2019

Program

Service Held:
October 5, 2019
BayNorth Church of Christ
Minister Sam Morris
Officiating

Processional	
Opening Prayer	*Minister Sam Morris*
Congregational Song	*Theris Coats*
Scripture Reading	*Minister Sam Morris*
Acknowledgments	*Ylan Hunt*
Obituary	*Chrishinda Hurdle*
Solo	*Akilah Crossland*
Expressions	*Family & Friends (2 minutes please)*
Prelude to Eulogy	*James Adams*
Eulogy	*Ed Harris*
Congregational Song	*Theris Coats*
Closing Prayer	*LZ Adams*

Repast Immediately Following in the BayNorth Life Center

Obituary

Juanita Marie Gragg was the sixth of seven children born to Ernestine and John Adams on January 9, 1947 in Oakland, CA.

At the age of nine, Juanita was baptized at Alamo Street Church of Christ in Richmond; the congregation later relocated to 1501 Florida Ave. Juanita's family moved from Rodeo to Richmond where she was educated in the Richmond Unified School District, and in 1964 graduated from Harry Ells High School.

In her early years, Juanita loved to dance and was a cheerleader in both high school and college. She found delight in "borrowing" the car of older brother Gene; cruising around town with her friends and going to various parties in Berkeley and Oakland. And in the late 1960s, joined the Black Panther Party of Self Defense. She would often recall these times as her, "contribution to restless nights for my parents."

Juanita attended Contra Costa Community College receiving an AA degree, and later earning her BA Degree in Child Development from California State University, Hayward.

On Feb 22, 1975, Juanita married Larry Gragg, and to this union three children were born; Adia, Kareem, and Batya. They later divorced, and Larry preceded her in death, December 2005. Christ was the center of her life, and she instilled his teachings in her children. Funds were often tight, raising three children as a single parent, but she managed to take family vacations to Disneyland every single year. Juanita was an excellent seamstress and loved sewing her own clothes. After retirement, she opened a home-based sewing and alterations business. She also enjoyed baking. caramel popcorn balls, sweet potato pies, sugar cookies, and cakes were her specialty.

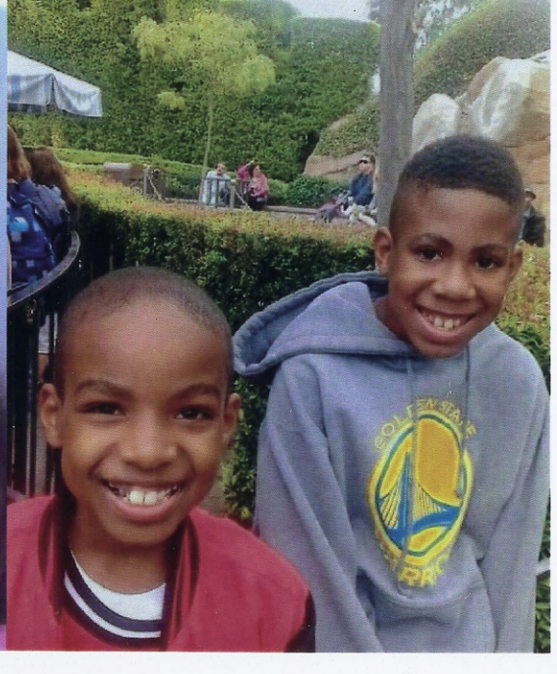
Juanita retired from the Peralta Community College District as Senior Stenographer Secretary in 2004. Anyone who knew Juanita knew that she was serious about her faith. She was a hard-fighting soldier on the battlefield for Jesus Christ. She enjoyed teaching bible classes and loved attending numerous Ladies' Lectureships throughout the Bay Area. Even through her various illnesses, she remained faithful and didn't let her compromised health slow her down.

For numerous years, Juanita served in various capacities in the church body – Church Secretary, Sunday School Teacher to the 2 and 3 year olds, Singles Ministry Chair, Ladies Lectureship Chair, and an active Sisters' Class participant. Until her health hindered her from attending worship services, she was a member of the Kentucky Avenue Church of Christ in Woodland, California.

Juanita Marie Gragg was preceded in death by her parents, brother (Gene), sister (Johnny Rae), brother (T.J.), and one infant sister. Juanita leaves to cherish her memory, her three children, Adia Gipson (Antonio), Kareem Gragg, and Batya Harris (Ed). Three stepchildren, Roneke Goodman (Kevin), Amone "Anthony" Gragg (Sundaye), and Jocelyn Gragg. An adopted son, Armand Johnson. Five grandchildren, Antonio Gipson Jr., Jayden Gipson, Kareem Gragg Jr., Eddie Harris V, and Imani Harris. Two brothers, James Adams (Barbara), Wayne Adams (Betty), and sister in law, Romaneta Adams. She also leaves to cherish her memory, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of family and friends.

"The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation."

-James E. Faust



Weep Not for Me

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years
There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory, I live on
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life

By Constance Jenkins

Acknowledgments

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your acts of kindness, whether it was in the form of a telephone call, a prayer, a card, flowers, or other expressions of thoughtfulness. May God bless you.

Thank You

A special thank you to the BayNorth Church of Christ for all you have done in providing support, service, and assistance to the family.

Final Arrangements Entrusted To

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